

COUNCIL IS CHECKMATED IN BRIDGE APPROACHES

Concrete Span Erected at Immense Cost Is Still Without Adequate Outlet.

TWO PLANS ARE CONSIDERED

Traffic Conditions in Cary Street Make Some Action Imperative. Cost Will Be Large by Either Route Decided Upon.

After more than a year of desultory work on the approach to the new Mayo Bridge, the City Council appears again to be checkmated in its effort to provide access to the concrete span constructed across the James River at an approximate cost of \$300,000. The latest setback was experienced less than two weeks ago in the practical failure of the city and the Southern Railway Company to agree upon terms for the transfer of a strip of the railroad's right of way on the west side of Fourteenth Street, between Cary Street and the abutment of the bridge.

The drawing reproduced herewith was prepared by Bolton, Clarke & Pratt, Inc., for the city, showing the widening of Fourteenth Street as the approach to the Mayo Bridge. Under this plan the city would acquire from the Southern Railway Company enough land to make Fourteenth Street sixty feet wide between the bridge and Cary Street.

To widen to sixty feet Fourteenth Street from Cary to Main Street it is proposed under this plan to cut a sufficient slice from the properties fronting on the east side of Fourteenth Street, and to allow these properties a compensating increase in depth to a new thirty-foot street, which it is proposed to open between Fourteenth and Fifteenth Streets, to run from Main to Cary Streets.

Advocates of the Fourteenth Street route have submitted to the subcommittee on bridge approach a statement purporting to show that the widening of that street in accordance with their plan offers the most economical solution of the bridge approach problem. Options have been secured from the property owners on the east side of Fourteenth Street, it is stated, to insure the transfer of the needed land at a reasonable cost, should this route be adopted.

The rival route, indicated in diagonal shading on the drawing, here reproduced, provides for an approach from Main Street through Fifteenth Street and the Dock. Under this plan, favored by the City Engineer and strongly approved by Chairman Morgan R. Mills, of the bridge approach subcommittee, Fifteenth Street would be made eighty feet wide to the Dock, and Dock Street would be widened to Fourteenth Street. Fourteenth Street would then be widened to either eighty or sixty feet, depending upon what arrangement could be made with the Southern Railway.

MAKE LOWER OFFER
The failure of the city so far to make terms with the Southern Railway has revived interest in the Fifteenth Street route, which would require railroad property on Fourteenth Street only between the dock and the bridge. Under condemnation proceedings instituted in the Hastings Court by direction of the City Council, the value of the property required for the widening of Fifteenth Street and the dock was fixed at about \$210,000. The amount was considered excessive, and the proceedings were dismissed.

Within the past week a number of the Fifteenth Street property owners have submitted to the city an offer under which they indicate their willingness to part with such a slice of their land as would be needed by the city at a price materially less than that fixed by the Hastings Court commission.

Whether the Fourteenth or Fifteenth Street route is ultimately adopted, it is admitted by Council authorities that the widening of Fourteenth Street to at least sixty feet all the way from Main Street to the bridge is essential.

The hitch over the transfer of the railroad property occurred when the Southern Railway demanded as a condition of the transfer certain concessions which the City Attorney regarded as more valuable than the land which the railroad proposed to dedicate to the city.

EFFORT TO SOLVE PROBLEM
The bridge approach subcommittee has held no meeting since the submission of the Southern Railway's offer, and the whole matter is in statu quo.

Chairman Mills has indicated that he will not let the matter rest until some satisfactory adjustment of the bridge approach problem is reached, and an early meeting of the committee is expected.

Regardless of the need of providing an outlet for the heavy bridge traffic and for trolley cars from South Richmond, it is pointed out by those familiar with the neighborhood that there is serious traffic congestion at Fourteenth and Cary Streets, which, if the opening of Fourteenth Street to sixty feet and the opening of the proposed new street from Main to Cary, including Fifteenth and Fifteenth Streets, this street is provided for in the Fourteenth Street plan of compensating property owners for property taken from the front of their lots, and opens the way for a regulation requiring all firms to load from the rear of their places of business, thus obviating the present nuisance of heavy trucks with their loads over the narrow sidewalks on the main thoroughfare to the bridge.

SAFE AND SANE FOURTH TO BE OBSERVED HERE

Saturday a General and Legal Holiday, Banks, State and City Offices Closing for Entire Day.

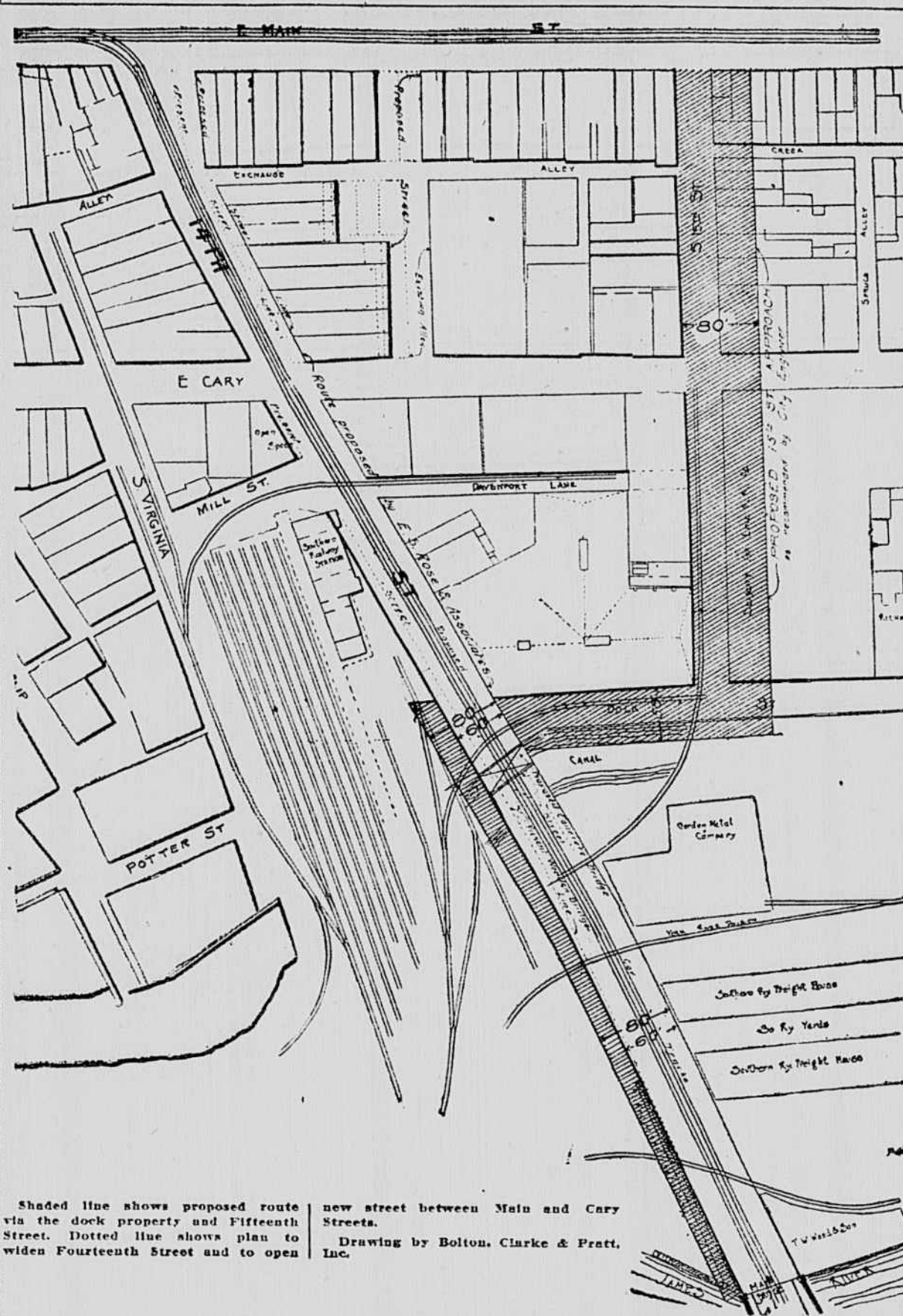
Independence Day, which falls on Saturday, will be generally and informally observed in Richmond, and the banks, State and city offices and many commercial houses will close in honor of the signing of America's Magna Charta. Children will be allowed to set off firecrackers and other fireworks, though the exploding of anything larger than No. 5 is not permitted under police regulations. It is not only against the law to explode larger size, but it is also a violation to sell them, and dealers who violate this legal injunction will be prosecuted.

Major Werner annually instructs members of the police force to enforce the regulation, and in the past several dealers have been haled to court and prosecuted.

The celebration will not only be nation-wide. It will be international in scope. Wherever the Stars and Stripes are hung to the blast of the national anthem, Americans gather to celebrate the declaration of their country's freedom. Down in Vera Cruz, where the soldiers and sailors of Uncle Sam stand guard some form of celebration will be indulged in. In London, Paris, Berlin and Vienna and in old Madrid the American embassies will continue the century-old custom of signaling the advent of American freedom, and the shriek of the eagle will be heard around the world.

In many cities there is municipal observation of the day. School children gather in picnics and listen to patriotic addresses and the young graduate delivers his first speech on a general theme. In recent years the celebration has assumed a saner form, and because of the national sanity the papers of July 6 will not carry, as once they did, the names of little children whose celebration cost them their

ALTERNATE ROUTES TO MAYO BRIDGE



Shaded line shows proposed route via the dock property and Fifteenth Street. Dotted line shows plan to widen Fourteenth Street and to open new street between Main and Cary Streets.

Drawing by Bolton, Clarke & Pratt, Inc.

lives, loss of limb or other permanent injury. The gospel of a more pacific observance spread slowly, but it has remained, and its advocates have taught the nation the wisdom of their creed. In Richmond the celebration will be quietly observed, and be none the less sincere or the less enjoyed because no child dies from tetanus or is maimed in an explosion of fireworks.

FINDS ONE PATH TO ADJOURNMENT

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fringe, the Garrett bill for reorganization of the Porto Rican government and other problems are marking time before the House Rules Committee.

Democratic Leader Underwood, beginning to-morrow, will try every means to enforce the maintenance of a quorum of members in the House, and expects to use the sergeant-at-arms if necessary to bring members in so that business may be expedited.

The Weather

Forecast: Virginia—Fair Monday, preceded by thunder showers in south-east; cooler in west and south. Tuesday fair.

North Carolina—Local thunder showers Monday somewhat cooler. Tuesday probably fair.

Special Local Data for Yesterday.
12 noon temperature..... 91
1 P. M. temperature..... 93
Maximum temperature..... 93
Minimum temperature..... 89
P. M. temperature up to 8..... 69
Mean temperature..... 81
Normal temperature..... 77
Excess in temperature..... 4
Deficiency in temperature since March 1..... 117
Accumulated deficiency in temperature since January 1..... 136
Deficiency in rainfall since March 1..... 3.82
Accumulated deficiency in rainfall since January 1..... 3.02

Local Observation 8 P. M. Yesterday.
Temperature..... 89
Humidity..... 64
Wind—direction..... E
Wind—velocity..... 12
Weather..... Clear
Rainfall last twelve hours..... .02

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.
(At 8 P. M. Eastern Standard Time.)
Place Ther. H. T. L. T. Weather.
Asheville..... 84 92 74 P. cloudy
Atlanta..... 96 96 78 P. cloudy
Atlantic City..... 72 76 P. cloudy
Boston..... 58 60 P. cloudy
Buffalo..... 64 72 P. cloudy
Calgary..... 68 64 P. cloudy
Charleston..... 82 94 82 P. cloudy
Chicago..... 66 84 P. cloudy
Cincinnati..... 84 92 P. cloudy
Cleveland..... 66 82 P. cloudy
Dallas..... 72 74 P. cloudy
Denver..... 80 88 P. cloudy
Detroit..... 80 88 P. cloudy
Houston..... 80 88 P. cloudy
Kansas City..... 80 88 P. cloudy
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Madison..... 80 88 P. cloudy
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San Francisco..... 80 88 P. cloudy
Savannah..... 80 88 P. cloudy
Spokane..... 80 88 P. cloudy
Tampa..... 80 88 P. cloudy
Washington..... 80 88 P. cloudy
Winnipeg..... 80 88 P. cloudy
Wytheville..... 80 88 P. cloudy

MINIATURE ALMANAC, June 29, 1914.
HIGH TIDE:
Sun rises..... 4:53
Sun sets..... 7:14
Morning..... 5:18
Evening..... 5:58

CITY PLAYGROUNDS DRAW INCREASED ATTENDANCE

Superintendent Taylor Says More Than 16,000 Visits Were Made Last Week.

BASEBALL LEAGUES ORGANIZED

Preparations Being Made for Ice Cream Festivals at Each of City's Model Play Spaces—Need Larger Funds for Outdoor Work.

As figures show, the city playgrounds have gained largely in popularity with the children and grown-up people since last year. Reports from the playground directors received by Superintendent of Playgrounds Taylor on Saturday night for the week beginning June 15 show that more than 16,000 visits were made to the playgrounds during the week. Included in this is the attendance at the municipal swimming pool, which has proved very popular. As many as 500 boys go to this pool on warm days.

Ford's lot is also drawing a good crowd. Mr. Irvin has a large crowd of boys interested in baseball, and many games are played, both in the morning and afternoon sessions. These boys expect to enter a team in the Jefferson Ward Playground Baseball League, where the teams will fight for the cup offered. The league in Clay Ward, under Mr. Mitchell's charge, at the Clarke Spring Playground, started out Monday. The Times-Dispatch offers the cup in this league. The South side boys will start this week on their games, and a lively night is promised for the cup offered in that league.

There is still time to get into these leagues, and teams wishing to enter them may send in their applications at once. Teams in Clay Ward should send applications to Perry Mitchell, at Clarke Spring Playground; teams in South Richmond to R. W. Miles, Jr., Thirteenth and Perry Streets, and teams in Jefferson Ward to H. F. Tompkins, at the Chimborazo Playgrounds. Teams in other wards in the city should send in applications to the Superintendent of Playgrounds.

LARGE ATTENDANCE
IS REPORTED
In the attendance for the past week Chimborazo Playground, with an attendance of 4,255, South Richmond comes next, with 4,140, and Clarke Spring is third, with an attendance of 2,555. The fact that lights have not been installed at the last two places accounts for the smaller attendance. Among the small playgrounds, Jefferson School leads, with an attendance of 1,533.

Chimborazo playground is still the centre of attraction on Church Hill. Every good night last week found between 600 and 700 children and grown-up people on the grounds. Two rainy nights cut the attendance down a little for the week. Concrete steps leading from the park to the playgrounds make approach to the grounds this year comparatively easy. The good done by this night work, says Superintendent Taylor, is incalculable.

Preparations are now being made for celebrations at each of the three model playgrounds, Chimborazo, Thirteenth and Perry Streets and Clarke Spring. These events will probably be held this week. Ice cream will be served to all children present. A program of games and folk dancing will be carried out.

The \$10,000 appropriated by the City Council is being stretched as far as

possible in providing play spaces and supervised play for Richmond children, but a much larger sum is needed to reach the 40,000 or more who need play facilities. The friends of the playgrounds were very much encouraged in January when the Council voted to increase the appropriation for this year, and they feel that it will soon be realized in Richmond that a much larger amount can be judiciously expended for this.

TEAMS CLOSELY BUNCHED IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Mobile Takes Lead, While Atlanta Drops From First to Fifth Place, Chattanooga Going to Second.

Atlanta, June 28.—Mobile took the lead over all teams in the Southern Association during the week just closed, advancing from second to first place while Atlanta dropped from first to fifth, after losing five of the seven games played. Chattanooga went from fourth to second. Birmingham remained in third position, one point ahead of New Orleans.

The first six teams remain closely bunched, forty-nine points in the percentage column separating Mobile and Nashville, not counting to-day's games. Memphis and Montgomery continue to bring up the rear of the procession, the latter having fallen still lower on its poor record of six defeats in seven contests. Good work was shown, however, by many of the clubs.

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